

***REV. NICOLAS AGUILAR-RIVERA***

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MEMORAN MJanuary 10, 1988DM: Monsignor CurryTO: Archbishop MahonyRE: Father Nicolas Aguilar- vera

In March 1987, Father Rivera, a priest of the Diocese of Tehuacan, Mexico, asked if he could work in the Archdiocese. We appointed him to assist pro tem in Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosehill), and after we received a confidential letter from his Bishop, we appointed him Associate to Father REDACTED at St. Agatha (May 1987). His Bishop stated that he had come to the United States because of family problems and for health reasons. Father Rivera is forty-six and was ordained in 1970.

On Friday last, Father REDACTED called me to tell me two of the families in his parish told him that Father Rivera had abused their children. One incident apparently took place over Christmas, when Father Rivera stayed at their house, and another took place at St. Agatha's during the summer, when the family visited him there. According to one of the families, he was involved with their children also, but Father REDACTED has not spoken to them.

I saw Father Rivera at St. Agatha's on Saturday morning and told him he could not serve in this Archdiocese until a full investigation took place, and that his faculties were withdrawn, and that his Bishop would have to be informed of the accusations. I offered to find a place for him to live until he could make other arrangements, but he volunteered that he would stay with his sister here and leave for Mexico on Monday or Tuesday of this week. He denied all the allegations.

I found out on Saturday that the principal of the school at Our Lady of Guadalupe has been informed of the accusations, so she will be obliged to report it to the police.

I asked Father REDACTED to encourage the parents to see me, and I will keep in contact with him. I have consulted with REDACTED

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Nicholas Aguilera-Rivera

January 10, 1988

On Friday, January 8, Father REDACTED called me to say that a family had contacted him to say that a priest had abused their children. The mother would not give him the name of the priest. He called me later to tell me that another family had given him the name.

The Families are: REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED  
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 also involved.

He mentioned that they were all trustworthy people. On incident took place with a boy from REDACTED family last summer. The family went to visit St. Agata's and Father Rivera took one of the boys out to lock the church, and an incident occurred at that time. Another incident is alleged to have happened at Christmas when Father visited the other REDACTED family. There was a good deal of drinking, and the family asked him to stay. He slept in the room with the children and is supposed to have gotten into bed with one of the boys that night. It appears the REDACTED had told REDACTED about some problem with their children, but she did not believe them and asked him over for Christmas.

The parents were reluctant to talk to Father REDACTED, because they felt he would have a bad opinion about Latin priests. The children involved are: probably a seventh and fifth grader for the family of REDACTED and a fourth grader and a fourteen-year-old from the family of REDACTED. All except the fourteen year old attend Our Lady of Guadalupe school. The children have been talking among themselves. The parents have also discussed the matter between themselves.

I spoke to REDACTED on Friday afternoon and REDACTED  
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I spoke with Father Rivera at St. Agatha's on Saturday morning, January 9. I told Father he would have to leave and that the Archdiocese would pay for him to stay at a retreat house. He volunteered that he would stay with his sister in REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED, and that he would leave for Mexico on Monday or Tuesday. (Father REDACTED came to interpret.) He asked that his bishop not be told, and I said that would not be possible. I told him the charges as I knew them, although I did not give the names of the families. He denied all, although he admitted that there was a good deal of drinking at Christmas. I told him that it was likely the accusations would be reported to the police and that he was in a good deal of danger.

On Saturday afternoon, January 9, Father REDACTED called me to say that the first grade teacher had been told and she had told the principal. The teacher seemed to think she was not bound to report. I checked with REDACTED and she confirmed that both teacher and principal had to report and I called Father REDACTED back and told him this. They had just found out the previous day. He told me that Father Rivera had called the parents sometime during this week and that they were both cold to him.

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January 11, 1988

Most Reverend Norberto Rivera C.  
Bishop of Tehuacan  
Obispado de Tehuacan  
Apartado Num. 137  
75700  
Tehuacan, Mexico

Dear Bishop Rivera:

It is with great sorrow that I write to you, but it has come to our attention that several families in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Los Angeles, where Father Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera served for some months on his first coming here, accuse him of acting very inappropriately with their children. Two families have already spoken to the pastor of that parish, and he knows of another family that has not yet approached him.

According to the civil law here, the accusations must be reported to the authorities.

I spoke to Father Aguilar-Rivera on Saturday, January 9, and told him that until a full investigation has taken place he may not serve in this Archdiocese and that his faculties have been withdrawn.

I believe he plans to stay with some family members here and then return to Mexico.

I regret having to inform you of this, but I believe you would want to know of this information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

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Notes:

DETECTIVE NORM BOMNEAU

Spoke to him at Our Lady of Guadalupe School.

Told him I had seen Nicolas at St. Agatha and gave him sister's address. He asked me not to call. I explained that we could not leave him at a parish, and that I had offered to find him housing. Officer asked me if Nicolas intended to flee to Mexico, and I said I was not sure. Originally, I told him that he was staying with his sister and that he intended to return to Mexico since he had no job here.

I also said that Nicolas knew that it would probably be reported to the police, and that I had explained that some people were bound to report.

REDACTED told him about his having trouble with the Communists, and I told him I knew that. He asked if we checked with his bishop and I explained the procedure for getting a confidential letter.

The Detective said he would call Nicolas today and would get back to me and let me know the state of the investigation.

To Msgr. Curry

Date 4/11 Time 11:28

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M Det. Norm Bommeneau

of WK# REDACTED

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- TELEPHONED ..... ☒
- CALLED TO SEE YOU ..... ☐
- WANTS TO SEE YOU ..... ☐
- RETURNED YOUR CALL ..... ☐
- PLEASE RETURN CALL ..... ☒
- WILL CALL AGAIN ..... ☐
- URGENT ..... ☐

Message Re: A priest

Nicolas Aguilar. Rivera.

Operator

Father REDACTED Called January 18, 1988, as he had talked to relatives of the families involved. The brother of REDACTED had seen him today. He attends OLG, Hamil and his children attend the school at OLG, Rosehill. He does not live in either parish but is involved in the Confirmation Program in Hamil.

He is angry and thinks the Church is covering up. The police said that neither I nor Father REDACTED would give them the whereabouts of Nicholas. His name is REDACTED. He says his sister and the other Mrs. REDACTED called the Archdiocese but no one returned their calls. I told REDACTED I was not aware of any such call. One of his concerns was that this man not be able to do the same thing again.



1/19/1988

REDACTED

Spoke to Mrs (7.40 PM). She had called the 'Chancery Office' but it was too early as no one answered. She did not leave a message with anyone.

She wanted to know about Father Rivera, & I told her he had returned to Mexico. The priest informed me of that. There was no way of contacting him except through his bishop. I told her I had written to his bishop and she asked if his bishop had known of any of this.

Told her I was very sorry about this, that we had to make sure such could happen and that we removed him as soon as we found out.

She said they had discussed counseling. Told her we would provide counseling with a therapist of their choice or that I could give them some names.

She will discuss with the family, and will call back. She is home after 3 pm.

Nicolas Aguilar January 21, 1988

Spoke to Mr. REDACTED this evening at REDACTED I told him my concern that he had heard the police accused us of covering up, but the police had visited the REDACTED yesterday and said the Archdiocese was cooperating completely.

The family does not want any trouble. They want REDACTED to receive help and that he not be able to do this again.

The children are not traumatized.

I told him I had informed the bishop in Mexico and would keep both bishop and Mr. REDACTED posted on events, if I had any new information.

I encouraged him to have Mrs. REDACTED contact me to discuss counseling.

This was a very friendly conversation.

Spoke to Fr. REDACTED REDACTED 9.30 PM and told him to encourage families to contact him or me with a view to receiving counseling. we discussed then going to REDACTED & told him to have the counselor contact me and I would have the bills paid. Suggested to tell REDACTED

MEMORANDUM**CONFIDENTIAL**

DATE: January 26, 1988

FROM: Msgr. Curry

TO: REDACTED

RE: Rev. Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera

This concerns the Mexican priest who was assigned to St. Agatha and was accused of abusing children from Our Lady of Guadalupe. The police are making every effort to obtain the list of altar boys from St. Agatha's. Father REDACTED is very reluctant to give it to them, and I support that decision. We have no evidence that Father Aguilar-Rivera was involved with altar boys as such. All the boys involved were members of families he was friendly with in Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the alleged abuse took place while he was visiting these families or while they were visiting him.

Father REDACTED, has no knowledge of his being involved with boys at St. Agatha's, and his concern is that if the police come and interview the boys, the matter will spread around the parish. The parish there is a Black-Hispanic one, and he finds his situation as an Anglo pastor a very delicate one. He and I are also concerned about the police interviewing boys about this matter when we have no reasonable suspicion they know anything about it. If, in fact, nothing happened at St. Agatha's, such interviews may have a negative effect on the boys, their families, and the parish.

The whole issue of our records is a very sensitive one, and I am reluctant to give any list to the police.

We are being friendly but firm, and both REDACTED and I are in contact with the police on this matter.

*We ~~cannot~~ give such a list for no cause  
whatsoever.*

*+ RMM*

*1-26-88*

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Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera

Sergeant REDACTED called week of January 25, early in week. He works in Chief's Office. He had been contacted by Detective REDACTED. He wanted the list of altar boys at St. Agatha's. He made much about hostile publicity for the church and the fact that he was Catholic and very much involved in the Church. There were two sets of parents especially angry. they want to see if there are victims at St. Agatha's. If something like this gets out of joint, we don't want anyone to get discredited. They have adequate probable cause to continue the matter at St. Agatha's.

He did not want to go over my head to the Archbishop.  
Told him I would continue to work on it.

REDACTED

Captain REDACTED Commanding Office of Juvenile Division called me 1/28/88. The police had a moral and legal obligation to continue the investigation and to interview the boys at St. Agatha's. He said this to me at least four times. He made much also of publicity and mentioned a case at Mary Star, San Pedro. When I asked him about this case, he did not know anything.

He said that if they did not get the list of altar boys, they would go to the masses, see the altar boys, follow them home and speak to them. He said they had seven reported cases. I asked him if he could give me any new information that would enable us to make a decision, but he did not give me any.

He said he did not understand our reluctance, but he did not seem willing to listen to my explanation. I mentioned that all the reported cases were at the other parish.

He seemed only to have the most general knowledge of the case and was very unprepared to discuss the details.

I stressed the fact that we wished to cooperate with the police. he left it that, if he did not hear from us by Monday, the police would go on with their own methods. I did ask him in the course of the conversation why they did not get a subpoena, and he said they did not need one.

Father REDACTED 1/28/88

I spoke to Father REDACTED after talking to Captain REDACTED and updated him on the situation. He does not want the records given out. There are about twenty-five altar boys.

Father Aguilar was not close to families, and that surprised REDACTED. No one has come forward. There were altar boys at his Masses.

There was one meeting at which REDACTED was present, but then Father Aguilar dropped the whole thing, and there were no more meetings. As a result, the altar boys do not know what they are doing.

The people do not know why he left.

There is no evidence that he was friendly with children.

Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera

Spoke to Father REDACTED January 28, 1988. REDACTED met Mrs. REDACTED and discussed the incident. It appears Father brushed up against the boys in the sacristy, but the children are not traumatized, and the parents see it as no big deal.

He encouraged them to go to counseling—they are all aware of Mrs.

REDACTED There are three boys who serve. He is not sure if they have filed a complaint.

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Lady of Guadalupe Church - Rose

4509 MERCURY AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90032

*February 2, 1988*

Dear Tom,

Enclosed is the first bill  
for counselling for the  
REDACTED family.

I will send you the  
others as they come in unless  
you inform me otherwise.

Thanks for your help and  
support.

*Sincerely,*  
REDACTED

*Submitted  
for payment*  
REDACTED

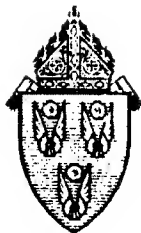
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REDACTED

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Police got a list of the  
altar boys from one of  
the parents and they  
are calling the parents. (O.H.)  
They spoke to a girl there  
- REDACTED has altar girls - who  
is the daughter of the parish  
secretary. They are telling  
the people they cannot get  
the list from St. Agatha's

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February 5, 1988

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Rev. REDACTED  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
 4509 Mercury Avenue  
 Los Angeles, CA 90032

Dear REDACTED

Many thanks for getting in touch with me the other morning. Also, please send me any bills from REDACTED for therapy.

I understand that the three families we are aware of have learned from you that the Archdiocese is willing to pay for therapy for them and their children with REDACTED or a therapist of their choosing.

None of the families have contacted me, and I would very much appreciate it if you could be sure they are aware of our concern.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
 Vicar for Clergy

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MEMO TO FILE - NICOLAS AGUILAR-RIVERA

FROM: MONSIGNOR THOMAS CURRY

Februry 17, 1988

Mrs. REDACTED called me because Father REDACTED had asked her to do so. She is bringing her boy to counseling with Mrs. REDACTED and it seems to be working out well. At first, the boy was reluctant, but he is responding very well now.

REDACTED

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Office of the Archbishop

February 20, 1988

Rev. REDACTED  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish  
4509 Mercury Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90032

Dear Father REDACTED

Because of the unfortunate situation which has developed because of Father Nicholas Aguilar, I would be grateful to you if you would read the following statement from me at the end of all your Masses this weekend (Saturday and Sunday, February 20-21, 1988):

"I am extremely saddened by the allegations that have been made.

Our sympathies go out to the families involved, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will, as always, be available to help these families in their time of need."

Archbishop Roger Mahony

Assuring you and your people of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Roger Mahony*  
Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Office of the Archbishop

February 20, 1988

Rev. REDACTED  
St. Agatha Parish  
2610 S. Mansfield Ave.  
Los Angeles, California 90016

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

Date: 2-20-88TO: Roger Curry

- ( ) Please review, then SEE me.  
 ( ) Please review, then RETURN to me.  
 ( ) Please review, then SEND me your COMMENTS.  
 (X) Please review, then FILE.

- ( ) Please handle this matter entirely.  
 ( ) Please answer; send copy of letter to me.  
 ( ) Please write a reply for my signature.  
 ( ) For your information.

- ( ) Please XEROX and send copy/copies to: \_\_\_\_\_

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 ( ) original back to me

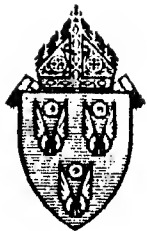
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\_\_\_\_\_ *Thank!*

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February 23, 1988

Most Reverend REDACTED .....  
Bishop of Tehuacan  
Obispado de Tehuacan  
Apartado Num. 137  
75700  
Tehuacan, Mexico

Dear Bishop REDACTED

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a story from the  
Los Angeles Times of February 20, 1988.

May I request that if you know of the whereabouts of  
Father Aguilar-Rivera you urge him most strongly to return  
here to answer the allegations that have been made against him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

Enclosures

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## ***Visiting Mexican Cleric Flees***

# **Priest Sought in Alleged Molestation of Altar Boys**

By MARITA HERNANDEZ, Times Staff Writer

A visiting priest from Mexico, who gained the confidence of Spanish-speaking families in two Los Angeles Catholic parishes and was welcomed into their homes, is under investigation by police for allegedly sexually molesting at least 18 altar boys before fleeing the country.

Investigators said they expect the number of alleged victims to rise. So far, they have been able to reach only about half of the two parishes' 60 or so altar boys. The children, ranging in age from 9 to 13, make up the primary group of possible victims, police said.

The priest under investigation was identified as Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera, 46, by Detective Gary Lyon of the Los Angeles Police Juvenile Division.

The alleged molestations—ranging from fondling to masturbation—began last April, shortly after Aguilar arrived at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in the El Sereno area of East Los Angeles and ended about a month ago, with his sudden departure from St. Agatha's Parish in South-Central Los Angeles, police said.

Police said they have received less than full cooperation from the church in the investigation, and parents who opened their homes to the priest and encouraged their children to spend time with him have raised questions about the church's handling of the case.

Father Joseph Battaglia, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, said

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# PRIEST: Alleged Molesting of Altar Boys

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the archdiocese's immediate response upon learning about the charges against Aguilar was to remove him from all church duties. Police were not notified until two days later.

"He was asked to stay in the country to face the accusations against him, but he chose to leave," Battaglia said. He added that the archdiocese has contacted Aguilar's church superiors in Mexico "to try to convince him to come back."

The archdiocese's decision to confront Aguilar with the allegations two days before reporting the matter to police may have inadvertently allowed the priest to escape arrest, Detective Lyon said.

He said that while the church acted properly in relieving [Aguilar] of any duty involving children . . . it's unfortunate that we couldn't have been there when he was notified [of the allegations] by the archdiocese."

## Called by Principal

The police first learned of the alleged molestations when they were called by the principal of the Catholic school affiliated with Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Because multiple victims were alleged, the officers were prepared to take Aguilar into custody, Lyon said.

Some parents resented having learned about the alleged molestation from police rather than church authorities, and that the priest's sudden departure from their parish about a month ago was explained to one of the congregations as a "family emergency."

"The church shouldn't be telling lies," said the father of two of the alleged molestation victims. "When



Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera

the care and control of children, usually leads to felony charges as well, he said.

Police efforts to contact all potential victims of the alleged molestation have been hampered by the church's refusal to furnish lists of altar boys at the two parishes, Lyon said.

"We've had to ferret out the names on our own," he added. At Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, where Aguilar spent about two months, parents provided police with a list that has allowed investigators to contact most of the boys there, Lyon said. But no such list has been available from St. Agatha's parish, where the priest worked for eight months.

Investigators have been slowly contacting some boys through public schools in the St. Agatha's

For some supposedly educated person to come into my home and disrupt my family."

After he learned of the alleged molestation, the father spoke to close friends with whom the priest had also stayed overnight. When questioned, the second couple's children told their parents that the priest had fondled them during a three-day stay at their home.

"We opened the doors to our home because my children liked him and because one of our sons has a vocation for the priesthood and we wanted a priest to counsel him," the second father said.

As he did with other families, Aguilar attended family gatherings and took the children on outings. The priest also asked the families to allow their children to teach him English. Several said they gladly gave their permission.

It was during these private English lessons, several of the children alleged, that they were molested.

The two couples and a third, whose children also said they were molested, pondered what action to take for about a week before approaching their pastor and the school principal, who eventually reported the matter to police.

Although parents said they hope that the priest is located and either forced into psychiatric treatment or punished, most of the parents said that the painful experience has not shaken their faith in their church.

For the one family, however, the experience dealt a more severe setback.

"My kids have always helped out at the church and we've encouraged them," the father said. "I didn't want them hanging out on

February 23, 1988

Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera

Assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosehills) Parish on March 16, 1987

Assigned to St. Agatha's Parish on May 18, 1987.

Left the Archdiocese on January 9, 1988.

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MEMORANDUM**CONFIDENTIAL**DATE: February 23, 1988FROM: REDACTEDTO: REDACTED CurryRE: Aguilar-Rivera Sequence

REDACTED at O. L. of Guadalupe discovered the incidents on Friday sometime between 5 and 5:30. Placed no call at that time-- did not even know where Aguilar was.

Saturday morning she tried Child Protective Services--no answer.

Sunday morning she tried again--no answer. She decided they were probably be closed on weekends.

On Monday morning she called the police directly and they were there by 8:15.

They asked if she knew where he was and REDACTED said no, that he has been gone for awhile.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - Rosehill

4509 MERCURY AVENUE  
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February 25, 1988

Dear Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED

On Sunday, February 21, 1988, your son, REDACTED, informed me that he had been interviewed at School by the Los Angeles Police Department and that he had told the Police during the interview that he REDACTED had been molested by Fr. Nicolas Aguilar.

As I mentioned to you on that same evening after the 6:00 PM Mass, I am very concerned that, if the allegation is true, REDACTED, I receive counselling as soon as possible. I highly recommend that you call REDACTED who is a counsellor to obtain help for yourselves and REDACTED. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will pay for whatever fees may be incurred. Please also be aware that you may go to any counsellor of your choice. The archdiocese will pay for those fees also.

Know that Archbishop Mahony is deeply saddened by the allegations and offers his support to you and your family.

If I can be of help, please call me.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

Sr. y Sra. REDACTED

El Domingo 21, de Febrero, 1988 su hijo REDACTED, me informo que habia sido entrevistado por el Departamento de Policia de Los Angeles y que el le habia dicho a la Policia durante la entrevista que el REDACTED habia sido molestado por el Padre Nicolas Aguilar.

Yo le mencione a usted despues de la Misa de las 6:00 PM que yo estoy muy preocupado por que si lo que discutimos es cierto le recomiendo que REDACTED reciba ayuda de un consejero lo mas pronto posible.

Le recomiendo le llame a REDACTED; ella es una consejera profesional para que reciban ayuda ustedes y REDACTED La Arquidiocesis de Los Angeles pagara los gastos necesarios para su curacion. Quiero que este com iente que pueden elegir su propio consejero. La Arquidiocesis pagara cualquier gasto.

Le informo que el Senor Arsobispo Rogelio Mahony esta muy mortificado por estas acusaciones y ofrece su apoyo a usted y a su familia.

Si puedo servirle en algo por favor llameme.

Sinceramente,  
REDACTED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
 1530 WEST NINTH STREET  
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 1988  
 TO: Archbishop Mahony  
 FROM: Fr. REDACTED<sup>REDACTED</sup>  
 RE: Fr. Aguilar Affair

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First let me say I do appreciate your advance copies of speeches you will be giving before Senate Committees, but to date I have received no calls inquiring after your testimony.

I have received more than a few calls from the media about the Fr. Aguilar case. Only yesterday I was asked on camera what your response was to the families and parishes allegedly involved in this issue. Unfortunately I had not yet learned (by reading in the Tidings which was delivered today) that your response was contained in a letter to be read publicly. My response yesterday, therefore, was understandably innocuous and uninformed.

I am still uninformed, since no copies of that letter have yet been received by my office!

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Yo le mencione a usted el Lunes 22, 1988 en nuestra conversacion por telefono, que yo estoy muy preocupado por que si los que discutimos es cierto le recomiendo que REDACTED reciba ayuda de un consejero lo mas pronto posible

Le recomiendo le llame a REDACTED ella es una consejera profesional para que reciban ayuda ustedes y REDACTED La Arquidiocesis pagara cualquier gasto que sea necesario para su curacion. Quiero que este consiente que pueden elegir su propio consejero.

La Arquidiocesis pagara cualquier gasto.

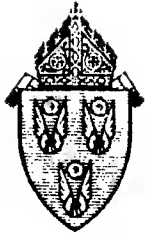
Le informo que el REDACTED Arsobispo Rogelio Mahony esta muy mortificado por estas acusaciones y ofrece su apoyo a usted y a su familia.

Si puedo servirle en algo por favor llameme.

Sinceramente.  
REDACTED

REDACTED

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OFFICE OF VICAR FOR CLERGY  
(213) 251-3284

February 29, 1988

REDACTED REDACTED

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
4509 Mercury Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Dear REDACTED

I just want to write you a note of thanks and support. You have been most helpful during these distressing days. The events of the past week are very upsetting, and the thought that a priest could do the things Father Aguilar is accused of is very discouraging. Being close to the situation there and seeing your parishioners so hurt must be particularly difficult for you.

If you have contact with any families involved, do encourage them to go to counseling, and let them know that the Archdiocese will support them in this and pay for therapy.

Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance.

With much appreciation, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Monsignor Thomas Curry ✓  
REDACTED

**FROM:** Archbishop Roger Mahony + RMM

**RE:** Liaison with the Los Angeles Police Department

**DATE:** March 4, 1988

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On Friday, March 4th, I met Lieutenant Steve Day at a Conference on Pornography in Newport Beach.

He and Captain Mazes head up the Child Protection Section for the LAPD.

I believe that it might be useful to us to schedule a meeting as soon as possible with them and our own response team for these kinds of problems. I found him to be interested in working more closely with us, and it might be useful to go over our response strategies with them. He felt that we might be able to find ways to minimize difficulties in future cases.

May I please ask that you move forward as quickly as possible to set up such a meeting.

Thank you so very much for your help!

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Enclosure

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REDACTED

REDACTED

*will  
set up an  
appointment.*

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*Capt Mayer*

REDACTED

STEVE DAY  
LIEUTENANT  
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE  
CHILD PROTECTION SECTION  
JUVENILE DIVISION

PHONE: (213) 485-2883

150 N. LOS ANGELES ST.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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To Monsieur [unclear]  
Date 5-10 Time 8:08  
**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**  
M Mate Chazarov  
of L.A. Times Religion Writer  
Phone 237-7841  
Area Code Number Extension  
TELEPHONED ..... ☐  
CALLED TO SEE YOU ..... ☐  
WANTS TO SEE YOU ..... ☐  
RETURNED YOUR CALL ..... ☐  
PLEASE RETURN CALL ..... ☐  
WILL CALL AGAIN ..... ☐  
URGENT ..... ☐  
Message Re: Father Rivera  
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REDACTED  
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Operator

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*Spoke to this reporter re Aguilar case.  
Told him AD policy about handling case.  
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Monseñor José Espín Velasco  
Vicario General  
Diócesis de Cuernavaca  
Apartado Postal 13  
Morelos e Hidalgo  
62000 Cuernavaca  
Morelia  
MEXICO

Muy Estimado Monseñor Espín Velasco:

Le escribo a Vd. porque no sé quien ya sirve como el nuevo Obispo de Cuernavaca, Mor. Conocí bien su Obispo anterior, Monseñor Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo, ya el Arzobispo de Guadalajara.

Le mando una copia de mi carta al Obispo de Tehuacán, el Revdmo. Monseñor Norberto Rivera Carrera, tocante a la situación grave y urgente del Pbo. **Nicolás Aguilar Rivera.**

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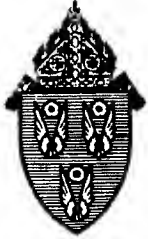
+ *Rogelio Mahony*

Revdmo. Monseñor Rogelio Mahony  
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 Obispo de Tehuacán  
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 Morelos 2  
 75700 Tehuacán  
 Pueblo  
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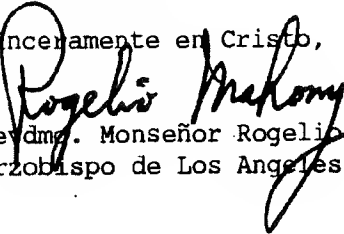
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Sinceramente en Cristo,

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Arzobispo de Los Angeles

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

MEMO TO FILE

March 4, 1988

RE: FR. NICOLAS AGUILAR-RIVERA

On March 4, 1988, I talked to Officer REDACTED regarding the progress of the case. He informed me they presently have 26 crime reports ready. There are approximately 15 more children to interview in St. Agatha's Parish. The incidents in St. Agatha's Parish apparently happened in a classroom in the Church, in that the children were teaching Father English. He may have one or two boys with him and his mode in the classroom was to sit between the boys and then start fondling first one boy's genitals outside the clothing and then the other boy's. Therefore, the police do have some corroboration testimony when it occurred to two boys at the same time. Some of the boys were then asked to feel Father's genitals, but always on the outside. He inferred that there is one case that is serious.

He stated that one family in St. Agatha's he is very concerned about. He is so concerned that he did give me the names and would hope that Fr. REDACTED may contact the family and offer counselling personally. The two boys involved are a fourth grader named REDACTED and a third grader named REDACTED. They attend Regina Rhoades School. On March 2, 1988 the officer went to their home and talked to the parents, and he found them extremely disturbed in the sense that the father of the family does not believe it happened and the mother was angry. When they talked to the children at school, a counsellor without even knowing what he was talking to the third grade about, stated that REDACTED had been a model student and in this past year has exhibited many problems. The mother told the officer that REDACTED bad-mouthed the teacher even in front of her and that he has been becoming impossible.

He told me that he has contacted most of the families offering the name of REDACTED for counselling with her number. He has found the families extremely reluctant even to think of counselling and, in fact, overall he has been impressed by the deep faith of the various families, and that they more or less wish the whole thing would go away. He did state that parents have resented that they have interviewed their children at times and it has not been easy for the police. I informed him that I had told him that before and that's why we were reluctant for them to do this mass interview. The police have also been accused that they are doing this because all they seek is publicity.

He also informed me that since the incidents occurred to children under the ages of 14 and involved touching genitals, this would be a felony and, therefore, the police will go to the District Attorney's Office versus the City Attorney's Office to lodge the police report. We had a good discussion on how both of us hope that the city Attorney's Office will decide just to accept the police report and not make a decision that they have to interview the children again. It is not in the best interest of the children for this to occur. I really stressed to him that the police need to help us in this area, because it will do no one any good to keep this thing going.

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Re: Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera

I then asked if they had found my man in Mexico? He stated that at this time they have made a decision not to look for him, but that could change as time goes on. He told me if I had heard what the reporter stated that she had reached somebody in the Diocese from which he came and that he was at a parish there and then told about the charges in Los Angeles, that he left the parish and no one knows where he is at this time. The officer and I both decided that we could not give too much credence to that story, since newspapers are not our most reliable source.

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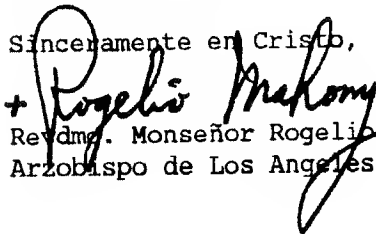
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Revdmo. Monseñor Norberto Rivera Carrera  
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Arzobispo de Los Angeles

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March 5, 1988

Office of the Archbishop

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Father REDACTED

FROM: Archbishop Roger Mahony + RMM

SUBJECT: SOME IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS: FATHER NICOLAS AGUILAR RIVERA  
CASE

Please note the attached copies of important correspondence dealing with the case of Father Nicolás Aguilar Rivera from Mexico.

May I please ask you to do the following:

- (1) Please call the office of Father REDACTED at the California Catholic Conference in Sacramento and advise him that I am NOT able to join them on Wednesday, March 9th, in San Diego; explain why.
- (2) Please call REDACTED and let him know that I will NOT be going with them on Wednesday to San Diego; also explain the reason. (REDACTED)
- (3) Please work with Tom Curry and REDACTED to set up the special Meeting on Wednesday, March 9th, here in Los Angeles--I want to attend that one.
- (4) Please call the office of Bishop REDACTED the Bishop of Tehuacán, Pueblo, México, and read my letter either to the Bishop, his Vicar General, or his secretary; advise them the letter is on the way. Dictate a file memo on your phone call and give it to me--give the name(s) of anyone with whom you spoke.

PHONE NUMBER: REDACTED

- Kind*
- (5) Please call the office of Monsignor REDACTED in Guadalajara, and read my letter either to him, to the new Bishop of Cuernavaca, or his secretary; advise them the letter is on the way. Dictate a file memo on your phone call and give it to me, as above.

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PHONE NUMBER: REDACTED

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ALL OF THESE ITEMS ARE PRIORITY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 7th.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry  
REDACTED

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Father REDACTED

3/5/88.

REDACTED

is coming out there on March 15  
to speak to any concerned parent. The people there  
are very reluctant to say that anything happened.  
It is especially difficult since the priest is from  
Mexico. Some of the people are saying that the  
matter has been trumped up.

REDACTED

will send me copies of the letters  
he is sending to parents

He is announcing on Sunday 6 about the meeting  
on the 15th of March.

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March 5, 1988

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Lt. Steve Day  
 Child Protection Section  
 Juvenile Division  
 Los Angeles Police Department  
 150 North Los Angeles Street  
 Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Lieutenant Day:

It was good meeting you yesterday in Newport Beach for the special Conference on Obscenity and Pornography.

I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you about those tragic cases in which an employee of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles may have been involved in some child abuse case. The current case involving the Mexican priest, Rev. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, is particularly tragic for the young people and their families who had been molested by him.

It would be very helpful if we could arrange a meeting very soon with myself, Monsignor Thomas Curry, my Vicar for the Clergy, REDACTED  
 REDACTED REDACTED

I am asking them to work with your office on this matter so that we can meet soon.

You should also know that last evening, upon my return to the Cathedral, I wrote a special letter to Bishop Norberto Rivera Carrera, the Bishop of Tehuacán, México, asking his immediate assistance in our combined efforts to locate Father Aguilar Rivera and to seek his immediate return to Los Angeles to face the charges which have been brought against him.

Since the news media had intimated on Friday that he may have fled to Cuernavaca, México, I also wrote to the Vicar General of that Diocese asking their assistance in giving us the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any relatives of Father Aguilar Rivera who might live in that Diocese. Since the former Bishop of Cuernavaca had been transferred to Guadalajara as the new Archbishop there, I do not know who the new Bishop is. The Vicar General, however, will be in a position to assist us.

It was my intention to send those two letters this morning via the U.S. Postal Service's EXPRESS MAIL International. However, when I arrived at the Terminal Annex branch to send the letters, they advised me that one cannot just send International EXPRESS MAIL to cities in Mexico. It is necessary to have made written application in advance, giving the Postal

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Lt. Steve Day  
March 5, 1988  
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Service the names and addresses of everyone to whom you wish to send Express Mail. It then takes ten days before the Postal Service will approve the sending of such Express Mail.

Because of that delay, I had the two letters sent via AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY to their respective addresses. While this will take a little longer than the Express Mail would have, still my letters should be there early the week of March 7th.

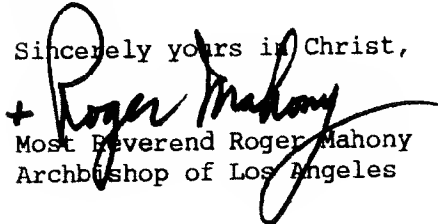
As soon as my Office hears anything from either of these sources we shall share the information with you at once.

As you know, our immediate and primary concern in these cases is the well being of the victims and their families. We offer them professional and spiritual counselling so that they can begin to cope with this difficult experience.

But our next concern is to make certain that the charged employee is made answerable to the civil authorities so that no one else suffers in any way.

Looking forward to our meeting, as well as to cooperating fully with you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+   
Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Msgr. Thomas Curry ✓  
REDACTED

FROM: Archbishop Roger Mahony + RMM

SUBJECT: (1) REV. NICOLAS AGUILAR RIVERA CASE  
(2) APPOINTMENT WITH LT. STEVE DAY, LAPD

Enclosed please find copies of the correspondence which I sent today to Bishop Norberto Rivera Carrera, the Bishop of Tehuacán, Mexico, the Diocese of origin of Father Aguilar Rivera; as well as to Monsignor José Espín Velasco, the Vicar General of Cuernavaca. I do not know the name of the new Bishop of Cuernavaca, so I sent it on to the V.G.

Also, please find a copy of my letter to Lt. Steve Day of the LAPD, whom I met in person yesterday in Newport Beach.

Because of the importance and urgency of our meeting with Lt. Day, as well as his superior, Capt. Mayes, may I suggest that we plan to hold this meeting on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th.

I was supposed to travel to San Diego that day in order to attend the Alta/Baja Bishops' Meeting. However, three of the L.A. Bishops will be attending that meeting, so I would prefer to stay and to take care of this matter.

Please proceed to set up the meeting for Wednesday, and then advise Father REDACTED

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS MATTER!!

cc: Father REDACTED

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## ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH

2610 S. MANSFIELD AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90016  
PHONE: 935-8127

March 7, 1988

REDACTED

Dear Mr. & Mrs. REDACTED

All of us here at St. Agatha's, as well as Archbishop Mahony, are deeply saddened by the allegations that your sons, REDACTED REDACTED, were molested by Fr. Nicolas Aguilar. We would like to be of help to your family. For this reason, I have invited Mrs. REDACTED to come for a meeting here on Tuesday, March 15th at 7 P.M. in the hall to discuss child abuse.

Mrs. REDACTED is a trained counsellor, speaks Spanish and I highly recommend that you both attend this meeting with her. It is also possible that both you and your sons may need to see Mrs. REDACTED for counselling. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will pay for any fees incurred by you. Simply give the bill to me. You may also go to a counsellor of your choice and we will pay for that. If you would like to call Mrs. REDACTED REDACTED

If I can be of any other help to you please call me.

Sincerely in Christ.  
REDACTED

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cc: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Curry

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## ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH

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PHONE: 935-8127

Marzo 7, 1988

REDACTED

Queridos Señor y Señora REDACTED

Todos nosotros en Santa Agatha, como tambien Arzobispo Mahony, estamos profundamente entristecidos por las alegaciones de que sus hijos REDACTED fueron molestados por el Padre Nicolas Aguilar. Nosotros deseamos ayudarle a su familia. Por esa razón, yo he invitado a la Señora REDACTED a una reunion el martes, 15 de marzo, a las 7 P.M. en el salón de actos para discutir sobre niños abusados.

Señora REDACTED es miembro del consejo, habla español y yo sumamente recomiendo que ustedes - Papa y Mama - atiendan esta reunión con ella. Tambien puede ser posible que sus dos hijos necesiten de platicar con ella para consejo.

La Archdioceses de Los Angeles pagará cualquier gasto que incurra por causa de esto. Ustedes solamente me entregan las facturas. Tambien pueden ir a un consejero de su preferencia y nosotros pagaremos.

Si desean hablar con la Señora REDACTED  
Si les puedo ayudar de otra manera, favoe de llamarme.

Sinceramente en Cristo,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Curry

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REDACTED

If I can be of any other help to you please call me.

Sincerely in Christ,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Curry

## ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH

2610 S. MANSFIELD AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90016  
PHONE: 935-8127

Marzo 7, 1988

REDACTED

Queridos Señor y Señora REDACTED

Todos nosotros en Santa Agatha, como tambien Arzobispo Mahony, estamos profundamente entristecidos por las alegaciones de que sus hijos REDACTED fueron molestados por el Padre Nicolas Aguilar. Nosotros deseamos ayudarle a su familia. Por esa razón, yo he invitado a la Señora REDACTED a una reunion el martes, 15 de marzo , a las 7 P.M. en el salón de actos para discutir sobre niños abusados.

Señora REDACTED es miembro del consejo, habla español y yo sumamente recomiendo que ustedes - Papa y Mama - atiendan esta reunión con ella. Tambien puede ser posible que sus dos hijos necesiten de platicar con ella para consejo.

La Archiocese de Los Angeles pagará cualquier gasto que incurra por causa de esto. Ustedes solamente me entregan las facturas. Tambien pueden ir a un consejero de su preferencia y nosotros pagaremos.

Si desean hablar con la Señora REDACTED  
Si les puedo ayudar de otra manera, favor de llamarme.

Sinceramente en Cristo,  
REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED , Thomas Curry



Office of the Archbishop

## ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015-1194  
(213) 251-3288

MEMORANDUM

TO: REDACTED

FROM: Father REDACTED

RE: Developments on the Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera's Case

DATE: March 7, 1988

- ok*  
*4:30 am*
1. Please call Father REDACTED at the California Catholic Conference - advise him that the Archbishop is not coming to the Wednesday meeting at San Diego - tell him that something came up in the Archdiocese that required the Archbishop's immediate attention in light of the fact of the Religious Education Congress the next four days, etc.

Advise him that three bishops from Los Angeles are going to this meeting. That is why the Archbishop felt that it was possible for him to miss this meeting;

- REDACTED  
*private number*  
REDACTED
2. Please advise REDACTED that he will not have to pick up the Archbishop on Wednesday since the Archbishop is not going to this meeting. Father REDACTED feels that it is necessary to explain the whole situation of what is going on with this case. Please ask him if he has a new private number the number that is here on this memo is the one that is listed both in Father REDACTED; folder and the Archbishop's rolodex (REDACTED) so he is has a new number so that in the future we could reach him on weekends or some other time.

3. Father REDACTED has set up the meeting with REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED for Tuesday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. REDACTED will be out of town. Please get from REDACTED the phone numbers for Lieutenant Day and his superior Captain Mazes and see if they are willing to come to this office Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock to meet with Monsignor REDACTED and the Archbishop.

*Occurred  
at 10 am on  
Wednesday*

Draft I

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

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Office of the Archbishop

March 10, 1988

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If you would like to receive the special counselling services which we have available for you, may I please ask that you call my Office and advise my personal staff, ~~so that we may provide this special services.~~  
The telephone number is: REDACTED Both Father REDACTED  
and Mrs. REDACTED, speak Spanish as well as English.

Assuring you of my continuing prayers and concern, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

4686

(FAMILIES)

REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

Date: 3-90-88

REDACTED

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Please review, then SEE me
- ( ) Please review, then RETURN to me
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- ( ) Please review, then FILE

**PRIORITY**

- (X) Please handle this matter entirely
- ( ) Please answer; send copy of letter to me
- ( ) Please write a reply for my signature
- ( ) For your information

- ( ) Please XEROX and send copy/copies to: \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) original to file
- ( ) original back to me REDACTED

REMARKS:

*Please see if Fr. office can*  
*translate this into Spanish PRONTO.*

*Thanks!*

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+ *Roger Mahony*  
Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles





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Office of the Archbishop

10 de Marzo, 1988

Queridas Familias:

Deseo que ustedes sepan de la profunda tristeza que siento debido a las dificultades asociadas con las acciones del Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera de México.

En estos casos desafortunados, mi primera y inmediata preocupación es llegar a la gente joven que ha sido afectada en esta forma, y ofrecerles los recursos espirituales y de consejería de la Iglesia Católica par ayudarles a ellos y a sus familias. Al mismo tiempo, es por regla de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles trabajar en conjunto con las authoridades de la ley para estar seguros de que nadie más sufra dano.

Debido a que el Departamento de Policía de Los Angeles está todavía en la fase de investigación del asunto, ni la Arquidiócesis ni yo tenemos sus nombres y direcciones par poder ponernos en contacto con ustedes directamente. Esta es la razón por la cual ustedes no han recibido ninguna comunicación directamente de nosotros. Por consiguiente, yo le he pedido a los investigadores de la Policía en este caso de darles a cada una de las familias mi carta personal ofreciendo mis oraciones y preocupación por ustedes, como también nuestros servicios de consejería para ustedes y sus niños.

Si desean recibir estos servicios especiales de consejería, les pido por favor que llamen a mi Oficina y le informen a mis secretarios. El numero de teléfono es REDACTED Tanto el Padre REDACTED como la REDACTED hablan Español y Inglés.

Asegurándoles mis continuas oraciones y preocupacion, y con mis mejores deseos para ustedes, quedo

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+ *Rogelio Mahony*

Revdmo Monseñor Rogelio Mahony  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - Rosehill

4509 MERCURY AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90032

March 10, 1988

Dear REDACTED and REDACTED

Recently I was informed by REDACTED that your son, REDACTED, had told REDACTED that he had been molested by Fr. Nicolas Aguilar at REDACTED home. If the allegation is true, I highly recommend that REDACTED receive counseling as soon as possible. You may go to a counsellor of your choice or to one whom I deeply respect, REDACTED REDACTED In either case, the Archdiocese will pay for whatever fees will be incurred.

Know that Archbishop Mahony and all of us are deeply saddened by the allegations and offer our support to you and your family.

REDACTED

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 11, 1988  
FROM: [REDACTED]  
TO: TC  
RE: Aquilar Case

Father Bill McLean called. Another victim has emerged. a nephew of Lupe Mendosa. He has written you about this. Also, Father Nicoas phoned one of the parents acting as if nothing had happened. She asked him "Don't you know everybody is looking for you?" He said, "For what?"

Fr. McLean said that she has communicated this to the Police. And also told the Police as well as she could where the call came from--dome place near Cuernavaca.

*Gobierno Eclesiástico*  
*del*  
*Obispado de Tehuacán*  
*Apartado Núm. 137*  
75700

Marzo 17 de 1988.

Excmo. Sr. Arzobispo  
Don Rogelio Mahony  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1194  
U.S.A.

CONFIDENCIAL.

Muy estimado Monseñor Mahony:

Al recibir hoy su carta doy contestación inmediata-  
mente para agradecerle la información que me da sobre el  
Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera. Ha sido muy doloroso para  
mí recibir estas informaciones de parte de la Curia y  
por la prensa de Estados Unidos y de México.

Estoy totalmente de acuerdo con usted en que el Pa-  
dre responda ante las Autoridades competentes de los crí  
menes que se le imputan.

El Sacerdote mencionado no ha regresado a ésta Dió-  
cesis y no cuenta por tanto con las licencias que se le  
concedieron por Un Año con motivo del permiso que solici-  
tó para residir en Los Angeles. Puedo informarle que el  
Padre estuvo por más de diez años en la Parroquia de San  
Sebastián Cuacnopalan y sin duda alguna la Policía ahí  
puede encontrar mucha información.

El Padre es hijo del señor Senén Aguilar y Fortuna-  
ta Rivera y nació en Huehuetlán el Chico, Puebla en don-  
de también hay muchos familiares que pueden informar so-  
bre él. Sé que varios familiares viven en los Angeles,  
California, no tengo idea ni de sus nombres ni de sus do-  
micilios. Usted comprenderá que no estoy en la posibili-  
dad de localizarlo y mucho menos de poderle enviar por  
la fuerza a que comparezca en los tribunales. Estoy en  
la mejor disposición de colaborar para que se haga justi  
cia y para que se evite el escándalo.

En la carta de presentación del 27 de enero de 1987 incluí una fotografía de identificación y en carta CONFIDENCIAL del 23 de marzo del mismo año le hice un resumen de la problemática homosexual del Padre.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para encomendarme a sus oraciones y repetirme de usted su hermano y servidor.

  
NORBERTO RIVERA C.  
OBISPO DE TEHUACAN

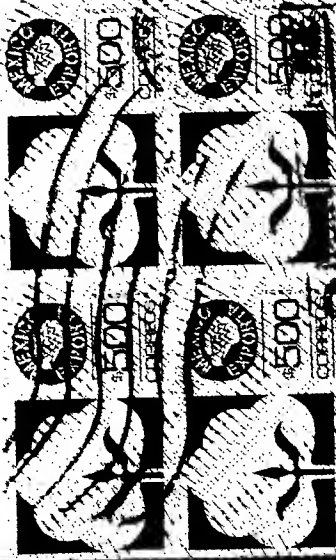
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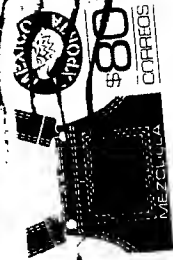
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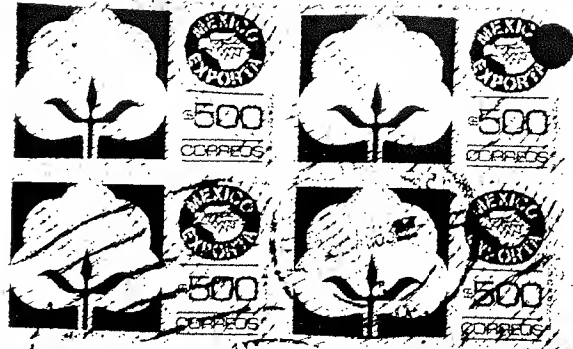
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Excmo. Sr. Arzobispo  
Don Rogelio Mahony  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-N194  
U.S.A.



REMEMBER: MEMORANDUM FROM ARTHUR SHOF ROGEL MATHONY

Date: 3-30-88TO: Roger. Curry

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REMARKS: Very urgent!

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3/30/88

TRANSLATION FROM AGUILAR-RIVERA'S BISHOP:

Rough:

I am totally in agreement with you that this priest should answer to the authorities for the crimes imputed to him.

Fr. Aguilar has not returned to this Diocese and does not have the permission given him to live for a year in Los Angeles. I can inform you that he was for more than 10 years in the parish of San Sebastian Cuacnopalan and without doubt the police there can provide much information.

Father is the son of REDACTED and was born in Huehuetlan el Chico, Puebla, where he has many other relatives that can tell you about him. I know that several of his relatives live in Los Angeles. I have no idea of their names and/or addresses and you will understand it is not possible for me to locate them. I am disposed to help in any way I can.

Our January 27 letter included an I.D. photo and also in a confidential letter of March 23 I gave a brief account of the homosexual problems of this priest.

TC: NO RECORD OR COPY OF ANY LETTER CONFIDENTIAL FROM BISHOP DATED MARCH 23. ONLY LETTER FROM HIM IS THE JANUARY 27 ONE ATTACHED IN WHICH HE SAYS AGUILAR WANTS TO COME HERE FOR A YEAR FOR "FAMILY AND HEALTH REASONS"



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30 de Marzo de 1988

Office of the Archbishop

Revdmo. Norberto Rivera C.  
Obispo de Tehuacán  
Apartado Postal 137  
75700 TEHUACAN  
Puebla  
MEXICO

Muy Estimado Monseñor Rivera:

Acabo de recibir hoy mismo su atenta carta con la fecha de 17 de Marzo de 1988.

Quiero responderle a Vd. inmediatamente porque yo estoy sorprendido y trastornado por estas palabras en su carta: "En la carta de presentación del 27 de enero de 1987 incluí una fotografía de identificación y en carta CONFIDENCIAL del 23 de marzo del mismo año le hice un resumen de la problemática homosexual del Padre." **Quiero decirle que yo no he recibido ninguna carta de Vd. con la fecha del 23 de marzo de 1987, ni otra información tocante a "la problemática homosexual del Padre."**

Yo le mando una copia de su carta del 27 de enero de 1987, con la fotografía de identificación. En esta carta Vd. me escribió: "Por **motivos familiares y por motivos de salud** el Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, Cura Párroco de Cuacnopalan, Pue., perteneciente a ésta Iglesia de Tehuacán, desea permanecer por Un Año al servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles." Basado en sus palabras **"Por motivos familiares y por motivos de salud"** yo acepté el Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera para servir aquí en esta Arquidiócesis.

Estoy muy confundido, porque en la carta del 27 de enero de 1987, Vd. no mencionó ningún otro problema personal de la parte de este Padre Aguilar. **Si Vd. me ha escrito que el Padre Aguilar tenía algún problema "homosexual," le aseguro que no lo hemos recibido aquí en esta Arquidiócesis.** Tenemos aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles un plan de acción bastante claro: no admitimos ningún sacerdote aquí con cualquier problema homosexual.

Es tan urgente que Vd. me mande, por favor, una copia de esta carta con la fecha 23 de marzo de 1987. No la hemos recibido, y ya es una situación muy grave porque Vd. supo el 27 de enero de 1987 que el Padre Aguilar tenía problemas homosexuales, y no compartió esta información conmigo ni con los oficiales de nuestra Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles en su primera carta.

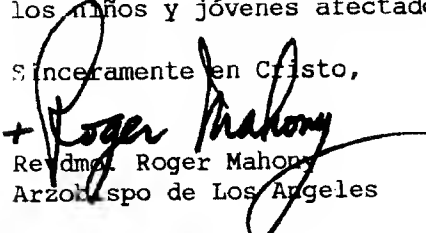
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No puedo acentuar que ya tenemos una situación más grave porque yo hice una decisión a dar al Padre Aguilar un nombramiento temporáneo aquí basada en su carta del 27 de enero de 1987.

Voy a compartir con La Policía de Los Angeles su carta del 17 de Marzo de 1988, y espero que ellos puedan ubicarlo allá en México.

Le pido a Vd. que todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Tehuacán oren por los niños y jóvenes afectados por las acciones del Padre Aguilar.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

+   
Revdmo. Roger Mahony  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

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ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Monterey Park May 25, 1988

REDACTED

My Dear REDACTED

The present is to inform you that my office has cancelled the appointments that had been given to you for the month of June. The reason, as you know, is that during the month of May, you did not present yourselves at three of the appointments that had been made for you; these appointments were not cancelled by you, notwithstanding that my receptionist had reminded you over the telephone the day before each appointment.

Your multiple occupations probably have not permitted you to take advantage of the opportunity that the Chancery has put at your disposal, with regard to receiving psychological help for yourselves and your children. As I explained to both of you, his help is not only advisable, but also necessary, for cases such as yours.

When you consider that you are ready to resume treatment, please call my office to make a new appointment.

Attentively,

/ s /  
REDACTED

REDACTED

cc: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry  
REDACTED

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Aug. 4, 1988

Dear Archbishop Mahoney;

I heard on a radio talk show that there was a priest in L.A. who had molested several young boys (we also had one here in S.B. once) and that you sent him out of the country to avoid imprisonment. Why do you think a priest is above the law? He can now go ahead and do the same thing in whatever foreign country he is now in. Someone who is not punished for his crime is apt to continue in it, don't you think? He may need psychiatric care but he also should be punished in some way, I believe.

I know that God forgives a repentant sinner, and I'm sure he has repented, but I still think he should have to accept the same punishment any one else would get for the same thing, in fact, it's even worse for a priest who is supposed to be an example to young children. God forgive him! I am saddened and shocked by the story, and I hope you will write and enlighten me as to the reason he was treated as I heard he was, in other words sent out of the country to avoid jail. If what I heard is untrue, I would like to know that.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

REDACTED

P.S. I didn't hear a word from the pulpit or in the Church bulletin in my parish, regarding "The Last Temptation of Christ." You may say that it would just give them free publicity, however, if someone told terrible lies about your mother would you just ignore it? Or would you defend her good name? How much more should that be done for our Lord and Savior?

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SENT BY REDACTED  
SINCE A.B. AWAY -

CONCERNED ONLY  
ABOUT TYPED PART.  
IGNORE THE BOTTOM

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 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015-1194  
 (213) 251-3200

COPY

OFFICE OF VICAR FOR CLERGY  
 (213) 251-3284

September 8, 1988

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED REDACTED

Thank you for your letter of August 4 to Archbishop Mahony.

Earlier this year, there was a tragic instance in which a priest, a native of Mexico and belonging to a Diocese there, who was assisting temporarily in this Archdiocese, was accused of molesting a number of young boys.

The Archdiocese saw to it that the matter was properly reported to the authorities and removed the priest from all positions of service in the Archdiocese pending an investigation. The priest, however, decided to return to Mexico and his whereabouts are unknown.

I can assure you the Archdiocese certainly did not send him out of the country to avoid imprisonment and has done everything possible to see that his whereabouts be known and that he returns to face the charges against him.

Trusting this will answer your concerns and wishing you blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
 Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

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REDACTED

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REDACTED

# Marriage, Family and Child Counselor

Monterey Park November 7, 1988

Family	Date of Service	Charge for the month of October
REDACTED	October 20, 1988	\$ 75.00
	October 8, 15 & 29, 1988	\$ 225.00
	October 7, 14, 21 & 28, 1988	\$ 300.00
		<hr/>
	October Total	\$ 600.00

REDACTED

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REDACTED

TC: Call from REDACTED

January 30, 1989

Yesterday one of the REDACTED boys called and said he needed to come and see her (REDACTED). She reminded him of what she had told them--they canceled all their November appointments and said if he was serious etc. she would set one up with him.

Next thing she got was a call from police in charge of the case (an Officer REDACTED (sp?). He said the family needs help and you are too far away so do you recommend someone else he can go to or how is your Church going to handle this?

She told him to have Mrs. REDACTED call Msgr. Curry.

REDACTED stated feeling is, how long is this going to go on? How long are they going to hold Church responsible?

January 31, 1989

Monsignor Curry informed REDACTED that Officer Esparza called him this morning and the family told him they wish to go to a family therapy clinic. Would the Church be willing to pay the fees there, to which Monsignor Curry said yes.

REDACTED

cc: REDACTED

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REDACTED

REDACTED

(Agular Rivera)  
REDACTED

## Marriage, Family and Child Counselor

MONTEREY PARK, JULY 1, 1989

FAMILY

REDACTED

DATE OF SERVICE

**JUNE 2, 24, 30,  
1989**

CHARGE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

225.00

JUNE 1989 TOTAL 225.00

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REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

Marriage, Family  
and Child Counselor

MONTEREY PARK, SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CHARGE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST</u>
REDACTED	AUGUST 11 + 25, 1989	150.00
		<hr/>
		AUGUST 1989 TOTAL      \$ 150.00

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

Marriage, Family  
and Child Counselor

MONTEREY PARK, OCTOBER 1, 1989

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CHARGE FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST &amp; SEPTEMBER</u>
REDACTED	AUGUST 11 + 25, 1989	150.00
	SEPTEMBER 1 + 15, 1989	150.00
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		SEPTEMBER 1989 TOTAL \$ 300.00

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Marriage, Family  
and Child Counselor

MONTEREY PARK, NOVEMBER 1, 1989

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CHARGE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</u>
REDACTED	OCTOBER 13, 1989	\$ 75.00
	SEPTEMBER 1989 BALANCE	150.00
	OCTOBER 1989 TOTAL	<hr/> \$ 225.00

REDACTED

*for 11/24/89*

REDACTED

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REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

Marriage, Family  
and Child Counselor

MONTEREY PARK, DECEMBER 1, 1989

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CHARGE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER</u>
REDACTED	NOVEMBER 9, 1989	\$ 75.00

NOVEMBER 1989 TOTAL \$ 75.00

REDACTED

*August*  
REDACTED  
*h 12/3/89*  
REDACTED

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REDACTED

REDACTED

*Aguilar Rivera*  
REDACTED

Marriage, Family  
and Child Counselor

MONTEREY PARK, JANUARY 1, 1990

<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CHARGE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER</u>
REDACTED	NOVEMBER 9, 1989	\$ 75.00
<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>	<u>CHARGE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER</u>
REDACTED	DECEMBER 7, 1989	\$ 75.00
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1989 TOTAL		<u>\$ 150.00</u>

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Clergy

Last Name Aguilar

First Name Nicolas

Mid Name Rivera

Title Rev.



Victims

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REDACTED

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Therapist

Date Modified 5/2/02

01/08/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's note on the telephone conversation he had with Father REDACTED. Father REDACTED called me to say that a family had contacted him to say that a priest had abused their children. The mother would not give him the name of the priest. He called me later to tell me that another family had given him the name. He mentioned that they were all trustworthy people. One incident took place with a boy from REDACTED family last summer. The family went to visit St. Agatha's and Father Nicolas Aguilar took one of the boys out to lock the church, and an incident occurred at that time. Another incident is alleged to have happened at Christmas when Father visited the other REDACTED family. There was a good deal of drinking, and the family asked him to stay. He slept in the room with the children and is supposed to have gotten into bed with one of the boys that night. It appears the REDACTED family had told REDACTED about some problem with their children, but she did not believe them and asked him over for Christmas. The parents were reluctant to talk to Father REDACTED because they felt he would have a bad opinion about Latin priests. The children involved probably are a seventh and fifth grader for the family of REDACTED and a fourth grader and a fourteen-year-old who attends Our Lady of Guadalupe School. The children have been talking among themselves. The parents have also discussed the matter among themselves. I spoke to

I spoke with Father at St. Agatha's on January 9. I told him he would have to leave and the Archdiocese would pay for him to stay at a retreat house. He volunteered that he would stay with REDACTED his sister, and that he would leave for Mexico on Monday or Tuesday. He asked that his Bishop not be told, and I said that would not be possible. I told him the charges as I knew them, although I did not give the names of the families. He denied it, although he admitted that there was a good deal of drinking at Christmas. I told him that it was likely the accusations would be reported to the police and that he was in a good deal of danger. On Saturday afternoon, January 9, Father REDACTED called me to say that the first grade teacher had been told, and she had told the principal. The teacher seemed to think she was not bound to report. REDACTED REDACTED

REDACTED REDACTED They had just found out the previous day. He told me that Father had called the parents during the week, and that they were both cold to him. 01/10/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to Ab. Mahony: In March 1987, Father Nicolas Aguilar, a priest of the Diocese of Tehuacan, Mexico, asked if he could work in the Archdiocese. We appointed him to assist pro-tem in Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosehill), and after we received a confidential letter from his Bishop, we appointed him Associate to Father REDACTED at St. Agatha. His Bishop stated that he had come to the US because of family problems and for health reasons. He is forty-six and was ordained in 1970. He has been accused of molesting children. I have asked Father REDACTED to encourage the parents to see me. 01/11/1988 Msgr. Curry notified REDACTED of the incidents. He also informed REDACTED that Father's faculties have been

withdrawn. 01/26/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to Ab. Mahony: The police are making every effort to obtain the list of altar boys from St. Agatha's. Father REDACTED, the pastor, is very reluctant to give it to them, and I support that decision. We have no evidence that Father Aguilar was involved with altar boys as such. All the boys involved were members of families he was friendly with, and the alleged abuse took place while he was visiting these families. Father REDACTED has no knowledge of his being involved with boys at St. Agatha's, and his concern is that if the police come and interview the boys, the matter will spread around the parish. He and I are also concerned about the police interviewing boys about this matter when we have no reasonable suspicion they know anything about it. If, in fact, nothing happened at St. Agatha's, such interviews may have a negative effect on the boys, their families, and the parish. We are being friendly but firm, and both REDACTED and I are in contact with the police on this matter. 01/26/1988 Ab. Mahony's response: "We cannot give such a list for no cause whatsoever." 02/16/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to REDACTED REDACTED

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REDACTED 02/20/1988 Excerpts from Ab. Mahony's letter to Father REDACTED: Because of the unfortunate situation which has developed because of Father Nicolas Aguilar, I would be grateful to you if you would read the following statement from me at the end of all your Masses this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, February 20 - 21: "I am extremely saddened by the allegations that have been made. Our sympathies go out to the families involved, and the Archdiocese will, as always, be available to help these families in their time of need." (This identical letter was sent to the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father REDACTED 02/23/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's letter to Bishop Rivera: Enclosed is a copy of a story from the Los Angeles Times of February 20. If you know the whereabouts of Father please urge him to return here to answer the allegations that have been made against him. 03/04/1988 Ab. Mahony wrote to the Vicar General of the Diocese of Cuernavaca, Mexico and sent him a copy of the letter he had written to Bishop Rivera. Ab. Mahony is seeking assistance in locating Father Aguilar in order for him to return to Los Angeles to face the charges which have been brought against him. 03/04/1988 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's memo to file: Today I talked to Officer Esparza regarding the progress of the case. He informed me that they presently have 26 crime reports ready. There are approximately 15 more children to interview in St. Agatha's. The incidents there apparently happened in a classroom in the church, in that the children were teaching him English. He may have one or two boys with him and his mode in the classroom was to sit between the boys and then start fondling first one boy's genitals outside the clothing and then the other boy's. Therefore, the police do have some corroboration testimony when it occurred to two boys at the same time. Some of the boys were then asked to feel Father's genitals, but always on the outside. He inferred that the case is serious. He stated that only family in St. Agatha's he is very concerned about. He is so concerned that he did give me the names and would hope that Father REDACTED may contact the family and offer counselling personally. The two boys involved are a fourth grader named REDACTED and a third grader named REDACTED. On March 2, 1988, the officer went to their home and talked to the parents, and he found them extremely disturbed in the sense that the father of the family does not believe it happened and the mother was angry. When they talked to the children at school, a counsellor without even knowing what he was talking to the third grader about, stated that REDACTED had been a model student and in this past year has exhibited many problems. He told me he has contacted most of the families offering counselling. He has found the families extremely reluctant even to think of counselling and, in fact, overall he has been impressed by the deep faith of the various families, and that they more or less wish the whole thing would go away. He did state that parents have resented that they have interviewed their children at times, and it has not been easy for the police. He also informed me that since the incidents occurred to children under the age of 14 and involved touching genitals,



It would be a felony and, therefore, the police will go to the DA's Office versus the City Attorney's Office to lodge the police report. We had a good discussion on how both of us hope that the DA's Office will decide just to accept the police report and not make a decision that they have to interview the children again. It is not in the best interest of the children for this to occur. I really stressed to him that the police need to help us in this area, because it will do no one any good to keep this thing going. I then asked if they had found my man in Mexico? He stated that at this time they have made a decision not to look for him, but that could change as time goes on. He told me if I had heard what the reporter stated that she had reached somebody in the Diocese from which he came and that he was at a parish there and then told about the charges in Los Angeles, that he left the parish and no one knows where he is at this time. The officer and I both decided that we could not give too much credence to that story, since newspapers are not our most reliable source. 03/11/1988 A victim has emerged. He is a nephew of REDACTED. His name is REDACTED. Father Nicolas phoned one of the parents acting as if nothing has happened. She asked him: "Don't you know everybody is looking for you?" He said: "For what?" Father REDACTED has communicated this to the police. He also told the police as well as she could where the call came from some place near Cuernavaca. 03/17/1988 Excerpts from Bishop Rivera to Ab. Mahony: I totally agree with you that this priest should answer to the authorities for the crimes imputed to him. He has not returned to this Diocese. I can tell you that he was here for more than ten years and without doubt the police can provide much information. I know that several of his relatives live in Los Angeles. I have no idea of their names and addresses, and you will understand it is not possible for me to locate them. My January 27, 1987 letter included a photo ID. Also, in a confidential letter dated March 23, 1987 I gave a brief account of the homosexual problems of this priest. (No record or copy of any confidential letter from Bishop Rivera dated March 23.) 03/30/1988 Excerpts from Ab. Mahony's letter to Bishop Rivera: We never received your letter of March 23, 1987 in which you shared with us a "resume of the homosexual problems of Father." In your letter of January 27, 1987, you stated that Father Aguilar wanted to come to Los Angeles for family and health reasons. There is no mention of any personal, moral problems. Please send us a copy of your March 23 letter and explain why such serious matters were never mentioned in your letter of January 27, 1987. I am going to share your letter with the police. Please pray for the children who have been affected by Father's actions. 04/12/1988 Excerpt from the article that appeared on the Times: Father Aguilar was formally charged with sexually assaulting eight of the youths and two other children. He was charged in a felony complaint issued by the Los Angeles County DA's office with 19 counts of committing a lewd act with a child. This was a necessary step in seeking his arrest in Mexico if he fails to return to the US voluntarily to face prosecution. According to church officials in Mexico, he stopped at his former Diocese in Tehuacan, Puebla and announced that he was resigning as a priest. He said he was going to Cuernavaca to stay with relatives. If it appears he will not return, then we will try to get him prosecuted in Mexico," said Detective Lyons. The police have criticized as "unfortunate" a decision by Archdiocese officials to confront Aguilar with the allegations against him before reporting the case to police. (There is no further information in the file.)

TO: REDACTED  
FROM: Monsignor Craig  
RE: Database  
DATE: 18 July 2002

*extern*

*Nicholas Aguilar  
Rivera*

We need to correct the ACCESS database for Reverend Nicholas R. Aguilar. I have not looked at Nutshell to see if it is correct. Attached is the print out.

According to the database, he left the Archdiocese in 1988, yet he has one assignment beginning in 1987 and ending in 1997, and another beginning in 1997. I believe he left OLG Rosehill in May of 87 and St. Agatha in January of 88.

Also, ACCESS lists him as belonging to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I believe he was an extern, so let's be sure we have his correct Diocese of Incardination.

Please compare the databases and the files to get correct data inserted.

Thanks.

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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Cardinal Roger M. Mahony  
FROM: Monsignor Craig A. Cox  
RE: Reverend Nicolás Aguilar Rivera  
DATE: 1 May 2004

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Here are copies of the documents you requested for your review. Enclosed please find:

1. Letter of Enero 27 de 1987 from Bishop Norberto Rivera C. to you.
2. Letter of Marzo 4, 1987 from Fr. Aguilar to Monsignor Curry.
3. Letter of Marzo 17 de 1988 from Bishop Norberto Rivera to you (2 pages).
4. Partial translation of the Marzo 17 de 1988 letter with Monsignor Curry's annotation.
5. Your letter of 30 de Marzo de 1988 to Bishop Rivera (2 pages).
6. Your memorandum of April 1, 1988 to Monsignor Curry and REDACTED

Thank you.

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Don Mario Espinosa Contreras  
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75700 Tehuacan, Pue.  
México

Excelentísimo Señor Obispo Espinosa Contreras:

Le suplico el favor de enviarme, si la tiene, una copia de una carta que el Sr. Obispo Norberto Rivera Carrera aparentemente piensa que me envió con la fecha del día 23 de marzo, 1987 tocante el Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera.

Le agradecería si pudiera enviarme una copia de la misma por fax lo antes posible. Nuestro número de fax es: REDACTED

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Sh Eminencia  
Cardenal Rogelio Mahony  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

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*Obispado de Tehuacán**Apartado Núm. 137**Tehuacán, Pue., México.*

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11 de junio de 2004.

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ROGELIO MAHONY  
ARCHIDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
3424 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA 90010-2202  
U.S.A.

Eminentísimo Señor:

Reciba mis cordiales saludos y mis mejores deseos para su persona y para su ministerio episcopal.

Adjunto a la presente una copia de la carta que su Eminencia nos ha solicitado.

Le reitero mis mejores deseos y mi súplica ante el Señor, por su bienestar y de la Comunidad que le ha sido confiada. Respetuosamente me despido, quedando afectísimo servidor en Jesucristo.



*MES*  
+ Mario Espinosa Contreras  
+ MARIO ESPINOSA CONTRERAS  
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First received by the Archdiocese as an attachment  
to the 11 de Junio de 2004 (June 11, 2004) letter.

Marzo 23 de 1987.

Excmo. Sr. Arzobispo  
Don Rogelio Mahony  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1194  
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CONFIDENCIAL.

Excelentísimo Señor:

Lo saludo atentamente deseándole toda clase de bendiciones en el Señor.

Quiero presentar a usted al Sr. Pbro. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera el cual pidió permiso por un año para ausentarse de ésta Diócesis y trabajar en la Arquidiócesis de los Angeles, California.

El Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera venía desempeñando -- muy laudablemente su trabajo en la Parroquia de San Sebastián Cuacnopalan. Es un sacerdote estimado por sus compañeros sacerdotes y por el pueblo al cual sirvió.

Lo que causó su salida de la Parroquia fue una agresión física muy delicada, se sospecha que detrás de los -- conflictos que provocaron esa agresión física hay problemas de homosexualidad. Las acusaciones sobre homosexualidad del Sacerdote son varias sin que se haya comprobado -- ninguna, todo ha quedado a nivel de acusaciones y de sospechas.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para encomendarme a sus oraciones y repetirme de usted su hermano y servidor.

/ NORBERTO RIVERA C.  
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C.C. a Mons. Tomás Curry, Vicario General del Clero.

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*Rogelio Cardinal Mahony*

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8 July 8, 2006

His Excellency  
Most Reverend Sergio Obeso Rivera  
Archbishop of Jalapa  
Apartado 359  
Av. Manuel Avila Camacho 73  
91000 Xalapa, Ver.  
México

Dear Archbishop Obeso Rivera:

I am writing to seek your assistance with a priest who worked for a short period of time in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and who was found to have abused sexually children and young people while he was in this Archdiocese.

His name is: **Rev. Nicholas Aguilar Rivera.**

He was born in Puebla on September 10, 1941 and was ordained a priest in 1970 for the Diocese of Tehuacan. In January, 1987 Bishop Norberto Rivera wrote to me requesting that we offer Father Aguilar Rivera a priestly assignment in this Archdiocese "for family and health reasons."

From early 1987 through early 1988 Father Aguilar Rivera apparently molested several young people in both parishes in which he served. The police were notified, but before the police could speak with him, he had fled the United States and returned to Mexico.

Upon his return to his Diocese, he apparently told the Bishop that he planned to leave the priesthood and he then disappeared. None of us ever heard anything further about him.

Today, while visiting with one of Father Aguilar's victims, that victim stated that he had heard that the same Father Nicholas Aguilar Rivera was working as a priest somewhere in the greater Vera Cruz area of Mexico. We had never received any similar information, but I wanted to make certain that you were alerted to this priest.

It would be helpful if you, as the Metropolitan Archbishop of that region, could forward copies of this letter to the Suffragan Dioceses of Jalapa to make certain that Father Aguilar Rivera is not functioning anywhere as a priest.

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Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara

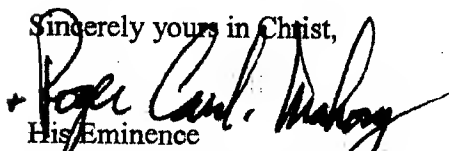
It would be best if Father Aguilar Rivera could be sent back to Los Angeles to face the criminal and civil charges which the authorities have brought against him. Also, Father Aguilar Rivera should be returned to the lay state canonically because of his past crimes against minor youth.

I am grateful to you for your willingness to share this information with the Suffragan Dioceses of your Metropolitan Archdiocese. The Bishop of Tehuacan should also be notified if Father Aguilar Rivera is found.

We all have a very serious responsibility to make certain that the Church is safe for everyone, but especially for children and youth.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

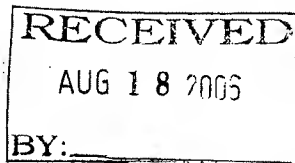
  
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Cardinal Roger M. Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Xalapa, Ver., México, a 28 de Julio de 2006.



Su Eminencia  
Señor Cardenal Roger M. Mahony  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles  
3424 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2202  
U. S. A.

Señor Cardenal:

Con fecha 8 de julio de 2006, recibí su atenta comunicación sobre el caso del Rev. Nicholas Aguilar Rivera, con serios problemas de conducta moral.

En mi condición de Arzobispo de la Provincia Eclesiástica de Xalapa, puse en conocimiento, como me lo indica en su carta, de todos los Obispos de esta Provincia, lo relativo a este sacerdote. Ellos tomaron nota y, naturalmente, estarán sobre aviso para evitar pedirle servicios al sacerdote mencionado, pasando por alto lo que tiene pendiente ante la Justicia de los Estados Unidos.

Los Obispos de la Provincia se sienten agradecidos con Su Eminencia por haberlos alertado sobre el caso.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para suscribirme como su hermano en el Episcopado y servidor en Cristo Jesús.

Atentamente:

+ Sergio Obeso,  
Arzobispo de Xalapa

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Considered by CMOB ☒

Inactive Date

Case Name Nicolas Aguilar

Active Case? ☐

Priest Name Aguilar Rivera, Carlos Nicolas

DOB 9/10/1941

Ethnicity Mexican

Diocese Diocese of Tehuacan, Puebla Mexico

Canon State Extern Priest

Religious Order

Incardination External

Date Of Ordination 1970

Clergy Status Left Archdiocese

Clergy (Faculties)

Religious ☐Diocesan ☐

Description

Deacon

DOB

Diocese

Ethnicity

Ordination

Status

Date Referred to Vicar

Date Of Alleged Incident

Alleged Victim Minor Male

Multiple Victims ☐

Accusers

Investigation Complete ☐

Investigator Name

Removed From Ministry ☐

Date Removed From Ministry

Date Returned To Ministry

Case Disposition

Disposition Comments

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Description Mexican extern priest, age 55; ordained 1970. Identified in L.A. Times article of August 25, 2002. Served in Los Angeles Archdiocese from March 1987 to January 1988. On April 15, 1988, the D.A.'s office filed 19 felony charges of committing a lewd act with a child. He fled to Mexico. Charges were filed in Mexico. Msgr. Cox to give status report.

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NICOLAS RIVERA AGUILAR - CMOB-040-01

Mexican, age 55

Ordained 1970

Extern priest from Mexico, came to L.A. in March 1987

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Enero 27 de 1987.

Excmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. Arzobispo  
Don Rogelio Mahony.  
P r e s e n t e .


Muy estimado Señor Arzobispo:

Lo saludo atentamente deseándole toda clase de bendiciones en el Señor.

Por motivos familiares y por motivos de salud el Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, Cura Párroco de Cuacnopalan, Pue., perteneciente a ésta Iglesia de Tehuacán, desea permanecer por Un Año al servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. No tengo ningún inconveniente en conceder el permiso si Su Excelencia lo acepta para que trabaje en su Iglesia Local.

Agradezco sinceramente las atenciones que pueda prestar al Padre Nicolás cuya fotografía de identificación incluyo.

Su hermano y servidor.

  
NORBERTO RIVERA C.  
OBISPO DE TEHUACAN

